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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the basic...one of the basic things that is required in the bill is that the parents make certain written representations to the Department of Education and what has to be included in those written representations is set out in the amendments. There are four...nine different items...ten different items. And one of those ten different items reads as follows, and this is what the amendment strikes: "The names and addresses of all employees and volunteers of the program, that is the church school program, including with respect to those who instruct such children their educational background." Okay, there are really a couple of reasons that we are suggesting that this section be stricken. One reason is that the educational background of the instructors of the children is totally irrelevant under this bill, makes no difference one way or another. In fact, that is the principal point of this bill, is that the teacher doesn't have anything to do with the educational process. So at the very least, this particular provision is irrelevant. However, in addition to that, I want you to note that further back in the bill it is ultimately a Class III misdemeanor if a parent gives false information on this information statement. So if a parent makes a mistake as to who all of the employees and volunteers of the program are or what the educational background of the different teachers is, then that parent is subject to the Class III misdemeanor penalty. So because it is irrelevant and because you are subjecting the parent to a penalty for no reason at all, we would suggest that that particular section simply be stricken. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I agree with it. I think it is a good idea.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell, did you wish to speak to this amendment? Okay. Howard Peterson, did you wish to